

Valley Railway Costs \$53,000 Per Mile Instead of \$41,800

Result of Refusing First Tenders Indicated by Report of Chief Engineer—Smith & Merrithew Tell of Taking in Mr. Fenwick—D. F. Maxwell Relates Story of Informal Tenders

The vastly increased cost of the Valley Railway as compared with what it might have cost if the lower tenders had been accepted, was shown by the statements presented at the Valley Railway inquiry yesterday afternoon by C. O. Foss.

Smith & Merrithew gave evidence regarding the formation of their company and the entry of their silent partner, Mr. Fenwick.

D. F. Maxwell, former inspecting engineer, was the only other witness. Lather B. Smith was the first witness called yesterday.

Q.—Who did you go to? A.—The N. S. Construction Company.

Q.—Did you apply to any one to use their influence on your behalf? A.—Not a soul.

Q.—Did you speak to anyone about getting the contract? A.—I spoke to Premier Clarke about getting a contract and he said there was no reason why we should not get the whole contract.

Q.—That was before the tenders were in? A.—No, afterwards.

Q.—You had not tendered; how could he say that? A.—Perhaps he did not know that we had not tendered.

Q.—Without any political influence you got sub-contract and at higher prices than the others? A.—If any political influence was used it was without my knowledge.

Commissioner Stevens—Was this appointment with Mr. Fenwick arranged by you direct or through Mr. Jones? A.—Mr. Jones arranged it.

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Q.—Did Mr. Deeks? A.—Not that I know of.

Q.—Did you have any arrangement with the Nova Scotia Construction Company that you were to get a contract? A.—No.

Q.—How much did you contribute to the last election funds? A.—I don't know.

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der was signed by the Cook Construction on September 8, 1915. The tender for solid rock was at \$1.15 while the present contract of the Nova Scotia Construction Company is for \$1.65.

Q.—Have you any idea why none of these tenders were accepted? A.—I think it was because the route had not been decided.

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The N. S. company's profit on the Kenney & McDonald section, in spite of higher prices paid there, would be \$68,000.25; their profit on the Smith & Merrithew section would be \$27,797.68, and on all the rest of the road \$102,174.45.

Mr. Foss then produced a comparison of the cost of the road from Gagetown to Westfield on the mileage basis and on the unit basis.

The lowest mileage tender was for \$89,000. This was supposed to include the right of way, but, on careful examination of the contract, he did not see that the contractors could be held to it.

Mr. Stevens—There have been some questions why the tenders on the mileage basis were not accepted; can you tell us why they were rejected?

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236th Battalion At Valcartier

The total strength of the 236th at Valcartier is now 1,340 men and officers.

One feature of the life at Valcartier Camp is the regular work of the Y. M. C. A. in doing there for the men.

One recruit was secured yesterday at the Prince William street recruiting office, Kenneth Foster MacFarlane of Nashwaakias, York county (N. B.), enlisting with the R. F. C. The men who enlist in St. John for the R. F. C. are all hospital recruits.

London, Aug. 14—No official casualty lists were issued today.

FROM ARCTIC REGIONS Harry Armstrong, of 40 Summer street, has just received a letter from Eldon Merritt, a former clerk at W. H. Thorne & Co. Ltd., and who is now a missionary at Inman river on the Arctic coast.

THE FOLLY OF TAKING DIGESTIVE PILLS

A Warning to Dyspeptics. The habit of taking digestive pills after meals makes chronic dyspepsia of many thousands of men and women because artificial digestants, drugs and medicines have practically no influence upon the excessively acid condition of the stomach contents which is the cause of most forms of indigestion and dyspepsia.

The after dinner pill merely lessens the sensitiveness of the stomach nerves and thus gives a false sense of freedom from pain. If those who are subject to indigestion, heartburn, etc. after eating would get about an ounce of pure bismuthated magnesia from their druggist and take a teaspoonful in a little water after meals, there would be no further necessity for drugs or medicines because bismuthated magnesia instantly neutralizes stomach acidity, stops food fermentation and thus insures normal, painless, digestion by enabling the stomach to do its work without hindrance.

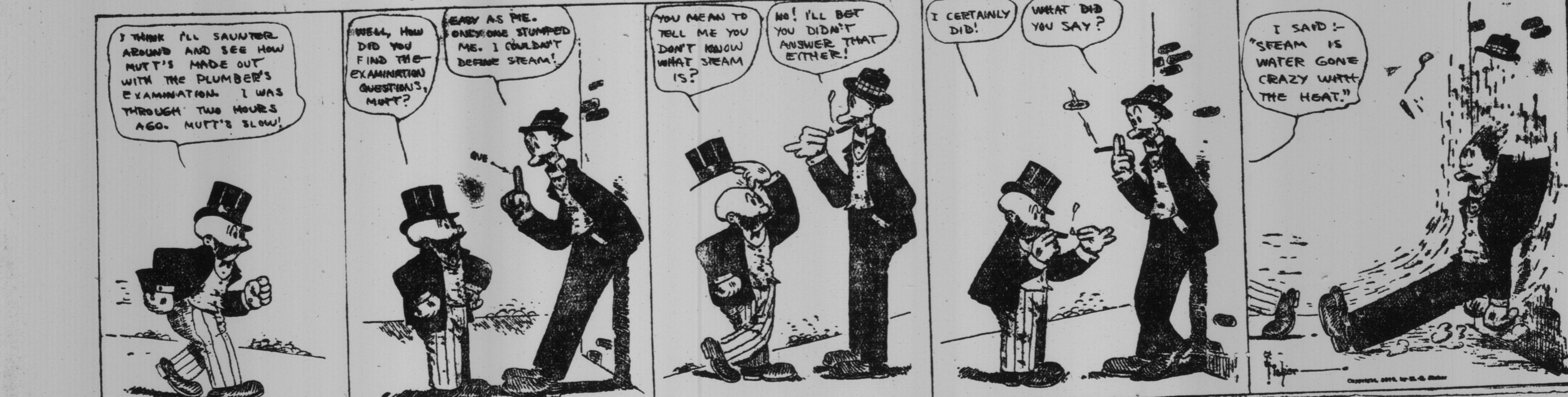
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